

1. OBJECTIVE

- 1.1 The objective of this policy is to outline the processes that apply for postponed and/or abandoned race meetings within the harness industry in Tasmania and define the subsidies payable (if any).

2. POLICY

2.1 DISRUPTED RACES OR RACE MEETINGS

- 2.1.1 In the event of disruption to a race meeting and in consultation with the relevant club, Tasracing will endeavour to postpone the affected races.
- 2.1.2 In the event of a race being declared void by Tasracing's stewards (**Stewards**), Tasracing will endeavour to reschedule the affected race if the prize money of such race is \$15,000 or more.
- 2.1.3 In the event of part of meeting being abandoned at any stage during the conduct of the meeting, Tasracing will endeavour to reschedule the affected race/s if the prize money of such race/s is \$15,000 or more.

2.2 SUBSIDY

- 2.2.1 When a race meeting is postponed or abandoned at least three hours prior to the advertised start time for the first race, there will be no subsidy payable by Tasracing under any scheme.
- 2.2.2 When a race meeting is postponed or abandoned within three hours of the advertised start time of the first race, an owner's subsidy (with the exception of clause 2.2.3) will be allocated to the trainer of horses eligible to compete, who were denied that opportunity at the time of the postponement or abandonment.
- 2.2.3 Horses that have raced prior to the postponement or abandonment of the race meeting will not be eligible for the owner's subsidy provided by Tasracing.
- 2.2.4 When part of a meeting is abandoned at any stage during the conduct of a race meeting, with the exception of a 'Feature Race' with prizemoney of \$15,000 or more, an owner's subsidy to the value of \$400 per horse shall be paid to the trainer of the horses eligible to compete at the time of the abandonment.
- 2.2.5 When a race has been declared void by Stewards, is not rerun or rescheduled then the payment of prize money allocated to that race shall be distributed evenly among the relevant owners of the horses that competed in that event.
- 2.2.6 Feature Races with prizemoney of \$15,000 or more are an exception to clause 2.2.5. The Owners subsidy as outlined in clause 2.3 will remain payable by Tasracing for these races.

2.3 OWNER'S SUBSIDY

The subsidy will be calculated on a regional basis.

The regions are defined, as in the ordinary understanding of South, North and North West of Tasmania. In accordance with clause 2.2.2, the following subsidies shall apply:

Horses stabled within the same region as the scheduled meeting	\$100
Horses stabled within an adjoining region	\$150
Horses stabled within the furthest region	\$250

Example 1:

An owner whose horse is stabled in the North West, competing at a Hobart race meeting may be eligible for a payment of \$250.

Example 2:

An owner whose horse is stabled in the North of the state, competing at a Devonport race meeting may be eligible for a payment of \$150.

2.3.1 Driver Subsidy

In accordance with clause 2.2.2, a subsidy of \$60 will be provided by Tasracing to drivers that were engaged to drive at the meeting.

2.3.2 Drivers of a race declared void by Stewards will not be eligible for a subsidy.

2.4 FORCE MAJURE

2.4.1 This policy shall not apply in the event of an extraordinary event or circumstance beyond the control of Tasracing, such as a war, strike, riot, crime, pandemic or epidemic, or an event described by the legal term *act of God* (such as hurricane, flooding, earthquake, volcanic eruption, etc.).

2.4.2 Notwithstanding any provision of this policy, Tasracing reserves the right to make the final determination in relation to any aspect of the execution or interpretation of this policy and/or the payment of subsidies.

2.5 FUNDING

2.5.1 In the event that a race or race meeting is abandoned, funding for the subsidies for trainers will be utilised from the allocated stakes money with the remaining to be allocated to the Divided Stakes Pool (DSP) fund for future use.

2.5.2 In the event that a race or race meeting is postponed, funding for the subsidies for owners will be utilised from the DSP fund. Funding for the subsidies for drivers will be utilised from the Drivers Fee Budget.